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CHOLERA.

BRITISH INDIA.—On May 26, 129 cases and 124 deaths were officially reported in Kurrachee; since May 15 there have been 1,393 deaths from cholera. In Calcutta, from May 14 to 27, 46 deaths.

SANITARY REPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND COLOMBIAN FRUIT PORTS.

COLOMBIA.

Sanitary report from Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *July 9, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Saturday, July 8, 1899.

The following vessels have sailed from this port during the week:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Master.	Number of crew.	Destination.	No. of passengers.
July 2.....	John Wilson.....	Olsen	18	Mobile.....	0
July 5.....	Colombia.....	Berg.....	18do.....	0
July 6.....	Phoenix	Sewall	19	New Orleans.....	2
Do.....	Utstein	Aarsvold	15	Mobile.....	0
July 7.....	Iberia	Jacobsen	14	New Orleans.....	0
July 8.....	Dudley.....	Eriksen	18	Mobile.....	0

The port of Bocas del Toro and the country adjacent thereto remain free from any contagious or infectious disease. The meteorological conditions have been quite unusual. The rainfall has been enormous, and the variations in temperature have been sudden, ranging between 90° and 75°, with an unusually low barometric pressure. Shipmasters report very heavy weather along the coast. During this period there have been more cases of malarial fever, among which I have seen some cases of the remittent variety. One death has occurred during the week, a Jamaican youth, from tuberculosis.

Official advices from Colon declare that place free from contagious or infectious diseases. In consequence, the quarantine restrictions are not rigidly enforced by the local authorities. Vessels are merely detained until passengers and crew have been inspected, and if no sickness exists on board at the time, all are permitted to land.

Respectfully, yours,

HERMAN B. MOHR,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COSTA RICA.

Sanitary report from Port Limon.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *July 6, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you herewith that the town, as well as the department, of Limon, Costa Rica, remains free from contagious or infectious disease; in fact, this section of country is phenomenally healthy. With very few in the local hospitals, and not a case of fever of any type in either, I may considerably refrain from unessential

details. There has not been a death from any cause since last report, dated the 30th ultimo.

The Swedish steamship *Hispania*, Fröckberg, clears from this port to-day, direct for New Orleans, with 1 cabin passenger and the usual cargo of fruit. All personal baggage was disinfected by exposure to formaldehyd gas.

Respectfully, yours,
WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HONDURAS.

Sanitary report from La Ceiba.

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *July 10, 1899.*

SIR: In transmitting health report for the current week I have the honor to make some remarks, which may or may not prove of interest and importance to the Department. This port and circumadjacent coast territory are at present singularly free from contagious, infectious, or serious disease of any nature. Considering the character of the populace, the habits of same, abuse of stimulants, improper food, want of proper preparation and cooking, questionable water supply and total lack of any and every sanitary regulation, etc., this statu quo is remarkable. The soil is sandy and porous, the rains frequent and upon the washing order, carrying away superficial "transpired and expired material." The range of thermometer in the twenty-four hours is generally from 74° to 84° F., and the nights as a rule are cool and pleasant. The nature of the soil, frequent rains, and uniform temperature, may explain in large measure the healthfulness of the climate. An especial feature here of clinical observation is found in the freedom from enteric trouble, both organic and functional. The fruit business here proceeds apace, without inhibition from any source. We have another ship this week direct from Havana with a clean consular bill of health.

Respectfully, yours,
WM. D. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *July 12, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report as follows answering your communication of June 29: Estimated population La Ceiba, 3,500. No contagious or infectious disease reported, save mild whooping cough among children. Death reported during the week, 1, marasmus. Mild form of malarial fever prevalent, otherwise this port and coast in good condition as regards health conditions. List of vessels for the week ended July 9 attached.

Respectfully, yours,
WM. D. HAMILTON,
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